

In The Alberta Legislature

(By Geo. E. Ball, M.L.A.)
The second week of the session was a continuation of the debate on the Speech from the Throne, with many members on both sides of the house taking part.
Hon. C. E. Gerhart, Minister of Municipal Affairs, indicated that the Alberta Government will prepare a City Act which will cover all Alberta cities and replace the existing seven City Charters, all of which are different. This will provide uniformity of city charters for Alberta cities. The Departments of the Attorney General and Municipal Affairs, assisted by the cities involved, will prepare the legislation. Mr. Gerhart indicated that cities today have an average of \$80,000 in excess of what their assets were a year ago. At the same year, the city expenditures in dollars have been higher than in the past, but the actual rate of taxation has been lowered in some cases, and there has been no substantial loss in any city of Alberta. The old rates on new wealth still provide sufficient money to cover all of the costs. The city needs of largest population have been denied hospitalization at a dollar-a-day rate. During the same period of time, in rural municipalities, the rate of our taxation has exceeded the rate of increase in new wealth. The rate of taxation in the rural municipalities has kept an upward pace with the rising cost of living while it has provided municipal hospitalization. City residents are still paying hospital deficits through taxation, and yet do not get the benefits of a dollar a day hospitalization. The government uses city ratemakers to request a pecuniary in which they can indicate their desire to have municipal hospital rates in Alberta cities.

Many members, including H. E. Delbott and Gordon Taylor, urged increasing of natural gas in Alberta and inviting industry to come to Alberta to use it. An enquiry will be made by the government into the matter of supply and needs, for the purpose of seeing that the supply is always adequate to meet the provincial needs.

Mr. Ira McLaughlin contended that an austerity program was not linked to prosperity and that "cut less and work more" was not a desirable slogan for Canadian people.

A motion was introduced into the house from the opposition side, requesting a branch of the University of Alberta to be established at Calgary. This motion was defeated. The request was turned down by the government because the present costs of the University of Alberta have reached such a high figure that present circumstances do not warrant increasing this expenditure by the consideration of another branch of diversity. It is felt that the future will hold the need for such a branch, but that we have for the present, reached the peak of enrolment at the university. When conditions reach normal the government is prepared to consider the Calgary branch on its own merits. It is felt that the province is better to have a superior university than two poorer ones.

Figures were given in the house that more than 22,000 miles of road were graded or gravelled or laid over roads on the main highways during the last year. This was an increase of 182 miles of work done on the Grinnel road since last session, and more than 1,400 miles of road work have been maintained. Two hundred and thirty bridges, wood and steel, have been built or repaired, including the new bridge at Red Deer. The government contributed, during that time, nearly two million dollars to municipalities and road improvement districts, where more than 10,000 miles of road work have been done in the past year.

Debatel also brought out that the number of wells producing oil in Alberta in 1935 was 100; today it is 424. The number of wells producing gas in 1935 was 84 and today it is 285.

It was urged that the department of lands and mines lend every assistance in the establishment of pulp mills in this province. It was assured that this matter was being given every assistance.

Assurance has another big highway program will be undertaken in Alberta this year was given in the speech



C. E. Jefferson (top left), general left, and G. F. Buckingham (bottom right) manager, C.P.R.; H. W. Gillis (right), freight station manager. (top right), Gerald Hiam (bottom

from the throne reading of the opening of the provincial legislature. The speech said that in this third year of a five year program a substantial program of expenditures to improve the highway system will be undertaken. It is also stated that considerable hard surfacing will be done. The total appropriation would be spent. While the actual figure this year will not be known until the budget is brought down, it has been unofficially set around \$15,000,000.

Red Cross Society Appeal For Funds

New hope glewed on the faces of the little group watching the tiny figure on the ice. "She will be alright now," said the doctor quietly.

Plasma, the miracle fluid, had work its wonders again. Another life had been saved. A few hours before Janet had been a happy and contented little girl, playing on a cabin floor. Then it happened. No one knew quite how. An oil lamp crashed from the table followed by a searing flash of fire, then an agonized cry of pain. It was all over in a moment. A tortured young life hung in the balance. Finally a doctor arrived.

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"Plasma," he said, "if she is to live."

The doctor had come prepared. Within a matter of minutes his skilled application of one of the most important discoveries of modern medicine had given new life to a stricken child, and new hope to her parents.

Janet's case is a synchro of hundreds of others, people from all walks of life whose lives have been saved through the efforts of a remarkable new undertaking, the Canadian Red Cross Society's free blood transfusion service.

Since its inception in British Columbia and other provinces are rapidly completing plans to begin operation in the near future. When building materials, suitable personnel and labor become readily available the service will be extended.

Since its inception in British Columbia in February, 1947, and more recently in Alberta, the R-1 Cross Society's free blood transfusion ser-

vices, by air, train and car, has rubbed emergency supplies of whole blood and plasma to save Canadian lives. A total of 21,044 bottles of whole blood and 2,264 bottles of plasma were distributed to hospitals, banks throughout British Columbia and Alberta between January and December 1947. During the same period more than 35,000 voluntary donors were called to give their blood.

Part of the \$5,000,000 objective in the Canadian Red Cross national campaign this month will go to extend this life saving service in first aid.

The Manse was the scene of much merriment on Saturday afternoon when the members of the Girls' Primary Sunday School class gathered for a birthday party for Donalda Wilson. After the playing of games the children enjoyed a hearty lunch served by Donalda's mother, who was assisted on the occasion by Misses Alice Wilson and Frances Walters.

Mrs. E. Cooper of the Blackfoot Indian hospital nursing staff decided to visit her home for a few days last week, which is located some seven miles from Calgary. As she journeyed along she was astounded at the difficulties that arose in getting there. She went by train. Cluny then boarded a truck and the troubles began. Later she got aboard a sleigh and a little later had to board a tractor which finally took her to her destination. Come Monday and to get back to duty at the hospital that evening was a problem. Being a resourceful lady she chartered a plane from Mildred landed her at a place near the assistance of the staff.

Change in market prices for Canadian Government bonds during the past few months have brought the yield on the longest dated issues to slightly less than 3 percent per annum, the rate of interest at which Canadian Government bonds were issued during the war years. Interest rates on other high grade securities have also risen, and to a somewhat greater degree. This has occurred during a period of very large capital investment and a corresponding large demand for money which has been borrowed in this connection. The degree of the change in interest rates does not appear inappropriate in the circumstances. On the other hand, the Bank of Canada does not regard the increase in rate of interest which has taken place as one of the most important factors in combating a general rise in price levels. The bank is not in favor of drastic increase in interest rates which would be likely to create a situation that might hamper, and might even prevent, essential forms of capital investment which Canada needs and which it is desirable should be proceeded with.

U.F.W.A. Hold Regular Meeting

(By Special Correspondent)
Mr. and Mrs. A. N. McLeay were host and hostess to the U. F. A. and U.F.W.A. at the meeting held on Thursday afternoon, February 26th with a large crowd in attendance. Mr. Milligan, the district agriculturist, gave a talk on 2-4-D to the men.

The ladies opened their meeting with singing Moonlight and Roses and Locksman and the Lord's Prayer was repeated. Usual business was then dealt with.

A letter was read from Miss Hogg and it was decided to invite her to our May meeting and give a lecture on any subject she may choose. A donation is to be sent to the Canadian Appeal For Children Campaign. The report on the U.F.W.A. convention was given by the delegates, Mrs. D. Yule, Jr., and Mrs. D. Yule and was very much enjoyed. They thanked the organizers for giving them the opportunity of seeing Edmonton and attending the convention which they enjoyed very much.

The agron display by Mrs. McLeay and helpers was postponed until the next meeting. After the usual, 40-40 hour a delicious lunch was served by the hostess and helpers. The next meeting will be held on March 4th at the home of Mrs. G. Yule.

SHAPING THE WORLD OF TOMORROW

The aviation industry has given us a small world. Should it not do something, therefore, to make that small world livable to help men grow big enough to live in it? It is the world together, and fly through the air without flying at each other's throats?

The scientific industries have given us the way to split the atom. Should they not, then, give us the way to unite mankind? Men, with atom bombs, who have not learned to live together in their small world will make the largest and quite unlivable.

Business, it would seem, has brought upon itself responsibility other than the mere supply of goods. Their place and way of work mold the mental and emotional personality of men. And the human undercurrents that come out of the factor do more to shape

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SEEDTIME HARVEST

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On the Life-Span of Cereals Seeds

How long do seeds live? That depends, of course, upon the kind of plant, the general health of the seed, and the conditions of storage. Seeds of Wild Rice live for a few days only, while Indian Lotus seeds have been known to germinate after being stored for 100 years.

And what about cereal grains? Many accurate records of life-span or longevity of cereal seeds are available. These show that in ordinary storage, especially in drier climates, the life-span of many cereal seeds is 100 years. For example, an English botanist, found that wheat stored in bottles after artificial drying gave 10 per cent germination after 25 years of storage. This is the greatest average life-span known for wheat.

In 1915, Lane Elevators Farm Service obtained from a farmer in Saskatchewan samples of wheat stored for 100 years. These had been produced in the years 1828 to 1837. These had been stored in an unheated building. We made a number of germination tests of the seed and obtained the following results:

Age of Seed Sample in Years	Average Percentage Germination
10	97
20	80
30	70
40	74
50	75
60	64
70	28
80	30
90	17

The low germination of the ten-year-old seed (seed from the 1835 crop) is due to the fact that the seed was very badly shrivelled by stem rust. As many farmers will recall, 1935 was a very bad rust year in Western Canada.

The above results are in harmony with the common belief that under cool, dry conditions of storage cereal seeds retain a fairly good germination capacity for at least ten years.

What's the Good of UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE?

\$87,500,000 was paid from the Unemployment Insurance fund to unemployed Canadians from September 1, 1945, to October 31, 1947.

\$31,000,000 was contributed to this fund by the Government of Canada.

500,000 individual unemployed workers and their dependants have been fitted from these payments.

In many cases had payments not been available the unemployed would have suffered want!

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Department of Labour

HUMPHREY MITCHELL, Minister of Labour

A. MacNAMARA, Deputy Minister

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

:: CAR THIRTEEN ::

By E. JERVIS BLOOMFIELD

BENTON wiped his glove over the inside of the windshield. Ice crystals showed in the pish against the two arcs of the swipes.

"A couple degrees drop and it'll be snow, sergeant."

I roused myself. "Yeah. Makes dirty driving. But we only got a quarter hour till four."

"Right."

"We haven't been shooting the breeze much. Don't you and Williams talk?"

"Not much. I'm no hand at gossip."

"Married?"

"Yeh."

"How long?"

"A bit over a year."

"Tough having to work nights."

Harry Benton was a new man. When his partner was taken sick, I'd had to pinch hit.

Car Thirteen eased onto Fifth Street, and the clock showed ten to four. The slush was getting thicker and the trolley tracks didn't show any longer.

The radio crackled and I saw Harry stiffen.

"Car Thirteen. Calling Car Thirteen. Code sixty-seven. Code six seven. That is all."

That woke me up plenty.

Harry turned carefully and stepped on the gas. The wheels spun. I was getting mad.

"A hospital call, with ten minutes to go! I tell ya, Benton, there is no justice!"

He nodded. "Maybe not ... and again, maybe ..."

We hadn't gone two or three

blocks when the radio peeped again. Harry eased on the gas.

"Calling all cars. Calling all cars. Code twenty-three. Code two three. All cars ..."

We crawled a little as he touched the brakes. I was too sore to speak.

"Well ... ?" he asked tentatively.

"That's inner blockade — that's dynamite," I said. "What would you do if you were sergeant?"

Reluctantly he started the U-turn.

"Head for West Waterway—that's our station. But they ought to cancel."

Then the radio came in with details: "Stick-up at Maynard's. Get-away car is tan sedan. Car Thirteen cancel six seven ..."

"There it is!" I swore. "There is no justice. It's not as though they ever show up—just keep you waiting all night."

"Yeh!"

Harry looked grim as he pushed the walling car into the whitening night. It didn't take two minutes to reach the bridge. He came to a stop in the middle of the viaduct, switched on the roof spot, unloosed his holster.

I reached for the riot gun, opened the door.

"Never do show up. Just keep you waiting until you're froze."

Then two headlights showed from the city side, grew bright and wider apart. They were belting right along.

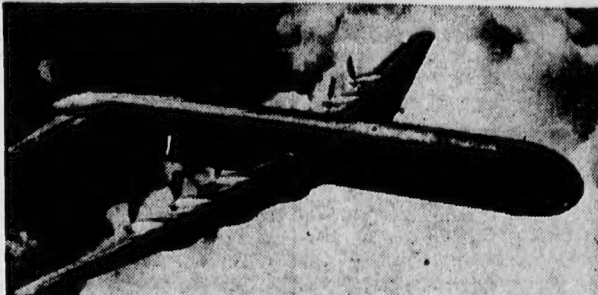
Harry twisted the spot as I circled. The light caught the other driver. He locked his wheels, swung sideways.

I heard Harry yell, "Get clear, sergeant!"

He backed his spinning wheels over the footwalk. I slid for points north. The tan sedan spun between us like it was acting for the movies. It finished one circle, kept going.

The tail-lights faded, and I heard Harry howl, "It's them! Jump in!"

The outfit was well in the clear before we set sail again. I called HQ on the two-way and gave them the dope. Then we started to edge up on them. The way we travelled over



WORLD'S BIGGEST PLANE MAY BE FIRST AND LAST FOR U.S. ARMY — The U.S. air force admits that while it has bought the world's largest land plane—the Consolidated-Vultee C-99, shown here—it doesn't know just what to do with it and has no desire to buy more. Statistics revealing it was 182 feet long, 57 feet high and would carry 400 fully equipped soldiers were released by the air force. Most aeronautical engineers believe the C-99 could land only on three or four fields in the U.S. and as few outside the country. One U.S.A.F. spokesman said: "It taught us a lot of things. It taught us not to buy any more."

that slick made me nervous.

"Keep this up, and we'll finish in the morgue."

"Yeh? Better limber your gun and start on their tires."

Little stabs of red flame came from the car ahead. Our windshield cobwebbed as the slugs hit.

I pushed open the gun port, went to work — and I wasn't aiming at rubber.

The driver gave a little jerk and the sedan started to weave. The man on the right leaned over, tried to manhandle the wheel. They hit the curb, slid on one side until a building stopped them. It took us another hundred yards to get ourselves under control.

Back at the wreck you could hear the wall of other sirens, like a pack of hungry wolves. It wasn't until the ambulance and dead-wagon had come and gone that the lieutenant gave us the good word.

"Back to the station and make your report. Then you can check out."

I stamped the snow from my boots. "About time. But I'm glad we were there. They sure came helling across that bridge."

Harry wheeled us right smart to town. But he missed the turn off Fifth to headquarters.

"Hey! Where ya going?"

He grinned. "I haven't forgotten that code six seven."

"Hospital call! That's forgotten. What do you want to follow that up for?"

"The wife's there. I asked them to tip me off—I'd like to know if it's a boy or a girl."

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Western Briefs

ARCOLA, Sask.—This southeastern Saskatchewan town's first woman settler, Mrs. Lovinia Beggs who settled here in 1882, celebrated her 100th birthday recently. Born in Prescott county in Ontario, Mrs. Beggs received congratulatory telegrams from the King and Queen and Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

RED DEER, Alta.—Plans for another Alberta pulp mill are being contemplated by an anonymous client of a Seattle engineer. The mill is to be located in the Red Deer area. Application for a timber berth has been made to the provincial government.

KELOWNA, B.C.—Hunters coming to British Columbia increased nearly 500 per cent.—from 4,000 in 1943 to 19,000 last year, Game Commissioner James Cunningham told Kelowna Rod and Gun club. "That's a little bit more than B.C. can stand," he said. "Tourist associations may be proud of these figures, but they give the game commission cause for alarm."

WINNIPEG.—Grocery and department stores here have launched a campaign to wipe out shoplifting, with 16 convictions on such charges recorded since beginning of the year, city court officials said.

GWYNNE, Alta.—A new central school of 5 rooms is being planned for Gwynne, Alberta, in the Wetaskiwin district.

MANY U.S. TOURISTS

VANCOUVER.—United States tourists visiting Vancouver in 1947 numbered 612,052, more than double the annual average before the war, the tourist association announced.

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—By Les Carroll

Gives Warning Of Grasshopper Plague For 1948

REGINA.—Warning that grasshoppers, the bane of western farmers during the mid-thirties, would be more numerous and widespread in Saskatchewan in 1948 than in any year since 1940, was issued by Agriculture Minister I. C. Nolle.

Referring to the 1948 grasshopper forecast prepared by the Dominion entomological laboratory, Saskatoon, he urged municipalities to order bait and other supplies immediately in preparation for an all-out control campaign.

"Bait spreaders should be put in working condition now," Mr. Nolle said. "A good poisoning campaign can prevent spring damage to crops and poisoning in the spring can also reduce the extent of crop damage by winged grasshoppers in the fall."

The Dominion entomological laboratory forecast showed grasshopper eggs present in sufficient numbers in 170 municipalities to threaten crops this spring, with the infested area extending southward from North Battleford to the U.S. border and from Alberta eastward to Wynyard.

LEDUC OIL FIELD MAY LAST 25 YEARS

CALGARY.—The Leduc oil field may last 20 to 25 years if produced at an economical rate, J. D. Gustafson of Calgary, representing the Imperial Oil company, said at a public hearing before the Alberta Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation board.

The hearing is being held to hear submissions from oil companies interested in the field on production rates to be imposed on oil wells in the field to allow for economical production.

Regina and Estevan.

Intensity varies from very light and patchy to continuous and severe. Infestation is largely of the roadside and field margin type, although light to moderate stubble infestation was found in all the severe and moderate areas south and east of the South Saskatchewan river. Over the rest of the area field infestations were very minor except in a few areas of light soil.

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Canadian composers failed to reach the standard required in the Canadian Legion March competition and so no prizes will be awarded. The decision of the final adjudicators was that none of the entries they saw were of sufficient merit to rate the \$500 first prize. It was stipulated in the contest regulations that no prize need necessarily be awarded. More than 200 entries were received from all parts of Canada.

The blizzard last Friday broke all records for great snow drifts and thoroughly blocking roads. The storm effectively stopped all business in town. Some places opened and others that had opened closed up during the day. Only those people who had business or got tired of staying home ventured out. There are several big snow drifts in town and they seem to be all of ten feet high if not more. Slowly roads were being opened when along came another snow fall Monday night and Tuesday amounting to more than a foot. There are houses in town that are short of coal and others right out of it and since most of these places are cut off by snow drifts the problem of getting coal to their homes is a big one. Friday's storm delayed trains for many hours as they became stuck in drifts. At Stobart two railway men were hurt. One

bruised and the other had ribs broken and face cut. It appears they were in the caissons when somehow it became detached from the snow plow and engine. The engine stopped and the crushing caboose crashed into the tender. The slightly injured man saw what was about to happen and braced himself but had no time to warn the other who was flung violently about the car and rendered unconscious. The injured men were brought to town and taken to Indian hospital where they were attended to by Dr. Windsor. They have since been removed to Medicine Hat.

Flax Money Maker

Flax has again proven to be Western Canada's biggest "money crop" in cash returns per acre. Attention was drawn to this fact recently when the Dominion Government announced that Canadian flax-growers would receive an additional bonus of 50 cents per bushel for all flax delivered during the 1947-48 season.

This final payment, brought the basic price of flax this season to \$5.60 per bushel.

It has been estimated by Dominion Government authorities that when the new bonus has been distributed, Canadian flax-growers will have received an additional \$5,000,000 for this year's crop.

A return of \$58.00 per acre is indicated for this crop representing a cash income substantially higher than any other grain on an acreage basis.

Flax continues to offer promising

possibilities as a money crop. T. J. Harrison, National Barber and Linseed Flax Commission, points out that Canadian flax is in urgent demand in the past season both for domestic use and export. Canada's large flax crop enabled Canadian processing plants to meet an expanded demand for flax by-products and Canadian linseed oil was exchanged for other much needed products in the export market.

Another large building program is in sight in Canada during the coming season. In addition industrial plants will require large quantities of flax and the export market also offers attractive possibilities.

clavely for returned soldiers and the minister has promised to proceed as rapidly as possible with the negotiations.

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W. P. B. PUGH, Superintendent Blackfoot Indian Agency, Gleichen, Alta. Feb. 6, 1948.

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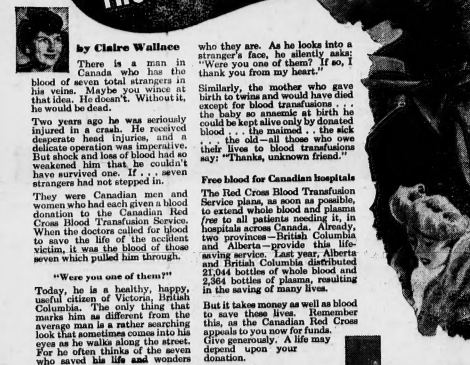
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The case of the strangers



by Claire Wallace

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Two years ago he was seriously injured in a crash. He received desperate head injuries, and a delicate operation was imperative. But shock and loss of blood had so weakened him that he couldn't have survived one. If... seven strangers had not stepped in...

They were Canadian men and women who had each given a blood donation to the Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service. When the doctors called for blood to save the life of the recipient victim, it was the blood of those seven which pulled him through.

"Were you one of them?"

Today, he is a healthy, happy, useful citizen of Victoria, British Columbia. The only thing that makes him as different from the average man is a rather searching look that sometimes comes into his eyes as he walks along the streets. For he often thinks of the seven who saved his life and wonders

Red Cross Services include: Blood Transfusion, Outpost Hospitals, Aid to Sick and Disabled Veterans, Treatment for Crippled Children, Disaster Relief, Nutrition Services, Home Nursing Courses, Swimming and Water Safety, etc.

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